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Lengerich, for "Encapsulation of Sensitive Liquid Components Into A Matrix To Obta Discrete Shelf-Stable Particles".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25 and 28, as shown in clean form:

25. (Amended) An encapsulated product obtained by the method of claim 1 wherein said encapsulant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of: acepromazine, acetaminophen, acetohexamide, acetohydroxamic acid, acetylcholine, acetylcysteine, acyclovir, albendazole, alclometasone dipropionate, allopurinol, alprazolam, alprostadil, amcinoide, amantadine, amdinocillin, amikacin, amiloride, aminocaproic acid, aminophylline, aminosalicylate, arhinosalicylic acid, amitriptyline hydrochloride, ammonium chloride, amobarbatal, amodiaquine hydrochloride, amoxapine, amoxicillin, amphetamine sulfate, amphotericity ampicillin, amprolium, acetazolamide, acetyldigoxin, acetylsalicylic acid, anileridine, anthraline, antipyrine, antivenin, apomorhine, apraclonidine, ascorbic acid/acromycin, atropine, amoxycillin, anipamil, azaperone, azatadine maleate, azathiopfine, azithromycin, aztreonam, bacampicillin, bacitracin, baclofen, beclomethasone dipropionate, belladonna extract, bendroflumethiazide, benoxinate hydrochloride, benzethonium chloride, benzocaine, benzonatate, benzthiazide, benztropine mesylate, betain, betamethasone, betaxolol,

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betanechol chloride, biotin, biperiden, bisacodyl, bismuth, botulism antitoxin, bromocriptine mesylate, bromodiphenhydramine hydrochloride, bumetanide, bupivacaine, busulfan, butabarbital sodium, butalbital, combinations of butalbital, caffeine, aspirin and codeine, beta-carotene, calcifediol, calcium carbonate, calcium citrate, candicidin, captopril, carbachol, carbamazepine, carbenicillin indanyl sodium, carbidopa, carbinoxamine maleate, carboprost tromethamine, carboxymethylcellulose, carisoprodol, casanthranol, cascara, castor oil, cefaclor, cefadroxil, cefamandole, cefazolin, cefixime, cefoperazone, cefotaxime, cefprozil, ceftazidime, cefuroxime axetil, cephalexin, cephradine, chlorambucil, chloramphenicol, chlordiazepoxide, chloroquine phosphate, chlormadinone acetate, chlorothiazide, chloroheniramine maleate, chloroxylenol, chlorpromazin, chlorpropamide, chlorprothixene, chlorprot bisulfate, chlortetracycline hydrochloride, chlorthalidone, chlorzoxazone, cholecalciferol, cholera vaccine, chromic chloride, chymotrypsin, cimetidine, cinoxazin, cinoxate, ciprofloxacin, cisplatin, clarithromycin, clavulanate potassium, clemastine fumarate, clidinium bromide, clindariycin hydrochloride, -palmitate and -phosphate, clioquinol, clofazimine, clofibrate, clomiphene citrate, clonazepam, cinnarizine, clonidine hydrochloride, clorsulon, clotrimazole, cloxacillin sodium, cyanocobalamin, cocaine, coccidioidin, cod liver oil, codeine, colchicine, colestipol, corticotropin, cortisone acetate, cyclacillin, cyclizine hydrochloride, cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride, cyclophosphamide,

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cycloserine, cyclosporine, cyproheptadine hydrochloride, cysteine hydrochloride, danazol, dapsone, dehydrocholic acid, demeclocycline, desipramine, desoximetasone, desoxycorticosterone acetate, dexamethasone, dexchlorphenigamine maleate, Dexpanthenol, dextroamphetamine, dextromethorphan, diazepam, diazoxide, dibucaine, dichlorphenamide, dicloxacillin sodium, dicyclomine, dienestrol, diethylpropion hydrochloride, diethylstilbestrol, diflunisal, digitalis, dicoumarol, digitoxin, digoxin, dihydroergotamine, dihydrostreptomycin, dihydrotachysterol, dihydroxyaluminium aminoacetate, dihytoxyaluminium sodium carbonate, diltiazem hydrochloride, dimenhydrinate, dimercaprol, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, diphenoxylate hydrochloride, diphteria antitoxin, dipyridamole, disopyramide phosphate, disulfiram, dobutamine hydrochloride, docusate calcium, docusate sodium, dopamine hydrochloride, doxepin hydrochloride, doxycycline, doxycycline hyclate, doxylamine succinate, dronabinol, droperidol, drotaverine, dydrogesterone, dyphylline, guaifenesin, enalapril maleate, analaprilat, ephedrine, ep/nephrine, equilin, ergocalciferol, ergoloid mesylates, ergonovine maleate, ergotamine/tartrate, erythrityl tetranitrate, erythromycin, estradiol, estriol, estrogene, estrone, estropipate, etherynic acid, ethambutol hydrochlorid, ethchloryynol, ethinyl estradiol, ethionamide, ethopropazine hydrochloride, ethotoin, ethynodiol diacetate, etidronate disodium, etoposide, eugenol, famotidine, fenoprofen, ferrous fumatate, ferrous/gluconate, ferrous sulfate, flucytosine, fludrocortisone acetate,

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flunisolide, fluocinolone acetonide, fluocinonide, fluorescein sodium/fluorometolone, fluorouracil, fluoxymesterone, fluphenazine, flurandrenolide, flurazpam, flurbiprofen, folic acid, furazolidone, flunitrazepam, furosemide, gemfibrozil, gentamicin, gentian violet, glutarate, glutethimide, glycopyrrolate, chorionic gonadotropin, gramicidin, griseofulvin, guaifenesin, guanabenz, guanadrelsulfate, halazone, haloperidol, haloprogin, halothane, heparin calcium, hepatitis virus vaccine, heracillin potassium, hexylresorcinol, histamine phosphate, histidine, homatropine, histoplasmin, hydralazine hydrochloride, hydrochlorothiazide, hydrocodone bitartrate, hydrocortisone, hexobarbital, hydroflumethiazide, hydromorphone hydrochloride, hydroquinone, hydroxocobalamin, hydroxyamphetamine, hydroxychldroquing sulfate, hydroxyprogesterone caproate, hydroxyurea, hydroxine hydrochloride, hydroxine pamoate, hyoscyamine, hyoscyamine sulfate, ibuprofen, ifosfamide, imipramide, impramide hydrochloride, indapamide, indomethacin, insulin, inulin, iocetaniid, iodoquinol, iohexol, iopamidol, ipecac, ipodate calcium, ipodate sodium, isocarboxacid, soetharine hydrochloride, isoflurane, isoniacid, isopropamide iodine, isoproterenol hydrochloride, isosorbide dinitrate, isotretenoin, isoxsuprine hydrochloride, kanamycin sulfate, ketoprofen, ketoconazole, labetalol hydrochloride, lanolin, leucine, leucovorin calcium, levamisole hydrochloride, levocarnithine, levodopa, levonorgestrel, levorphanol tartrate, levothyroxine sodium, lidocaine, lincomycin hydrochloride, lindane, liothyronine sodium, liotrix, lisinopril,



lithium carbonate, loperamide hydrochloride, loracarbef, lonetil, lorazepam, lovastatin. loxapine, lysine, mafenide acetate, magaldrate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium chloride, magnesium gluconate, magnesium oxide/other magnesium salts, malathion, manganese salts, manganese, maprotiline hydrochloride, mazindol, measles virus vaccine, mebendazole, mebrofenin, mecamylamine hydrochloride, meclizine hydrochloride, meclocycline, meclofenamate sodium, medroxyprogesterone acetate, mefenamic acid, megestrol acetate, meglumine, melphalan,/minitel sodium diphosphate, menadione, menotropine, meperidine, mephenytoin, mephobarbital, meprednisone, meprobamate, mercaptopurine, mesoridazine besylate, mestranol, metaproterenol sulfate, metaraminol bitartrate, methacycline hydrochloride, methadone hydrochloride, methamphetamine hydrochloride, methazolamide, methdilazine, methenamine, methicillin sodium, methimazole, methionine, methogarbamol, methotrexate, methoxsalen, methoxyflurane, methsuximide, methyclothiazide, methylbenzethonium chloride, methyldopa, methylergonovine maleate, methylphenidate hydrochloride, methylprednisolone, methyltestosterone, methysergide maleate, metoclopramide, metolazone, meoprolol tartrate, metronidazole, metyrapone, metyrosine, mexiletine hydrochloride, mexiletine hydrochloride, miconazole/minocycline hydrochloride, minoxidil, mitomycin, mitotane, molindone hydrochloride, monobenzone, morphine sulfate, mupirocin, medazepam, mefruside, methandrosteholone, methylsulfadiazine, nadolol, nafcillin, nafcillin sodium,



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potassium cluconate, potassium iodide, potassium sodium tartrate, povidone iodine, pralidoxime chloride, pramoxine hydrochloride, pramezam, prazepam, praziquantel, prazosin hydrochloride, prazosin hydrochloride, prednisolone, prilocaine, primaquine, primidone, probenecid, probucol, procainamide hydrochlorid, procaine hydrochloride, procarbacine hydrochloride, prochlorperazine, prochlorperazine maleate, procyclidine hydrochloride, progesterone, proline, promazine, promazine hydrochloride, promazine, promethazine, promethazine hydrochloride, propafenone hydrochloride, propantheline, proparacaine hydrochloride, propoxycaine hydrochloride, propoxyphene hydrochloride, propoxyphene napsylate, propanolol hydrochloride, propyliodone, propylthiouracil, propylthiouracil, protriptyline hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, pumice, pyrantel pamoate, pyrazinamide, pyrethym extract, pyridostigmine bromide, pyridoxine hydrochloride, pyrilamine maleate, byrimethamine, pyroxylin, pyrvinium pamoate, phenacetin, phenytoin, prednisoné, quindine gluconate, quinidine sulfate, rabies vaccine, racepinephrine ranitidine, rauwølfia serpentina, resorcinol, ribavirin, riboflavin, rifampin, ritodrine, rubella virus vacciné, saccharin, saccharin sodium, salicylamide, salicylic acid, salsalata, scopolamine, secobarbital sodium, selenious acid, selenium sulfate, sennaserine, simethicone, sodium ascorbate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium fluoride, sodium gluconate, sodium iodide, sodium lactate, sodium nitrite, sodium ditroprusside, sodium salicylate, spironolactone, stannozolol, streptomycin, sucralfate, sulfacetamide, sulfadiazine,

reserpine, sulfadioxine, sulfamerazine, sulfamethazine, sulfamethizole/sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxydiazine, sulfapyridin, sulfasalazine, sulfaperin, sulfath/azole, sulfisoxazole, sulfinpyrazone, sulindac, suprofen, stilains, tamoxifen citrate, terhacepam, terbutaline sulfate, terfenadine, terpin, testolactone, testosterone, tolazamide, tolbutamide, tetracaine, tetracycline, tetrahydrocycline, theophylline, thiabendazole, thiamine hydrochloride, thiamine, thiamylal, thiethylperazine thimerosal, thioguanine, thioridazine hydrochloride, thistrepton, thiotepa, thiothixene, threonine, thyroid stimulating hormone, ticarcillin, timolol, tioconazole, titanium dioxide, tolazamide, tolbutamide, tolmetin, tolnaftate, trazodone hydrochloride, tretinoin, friacetin friamcinolone, triamterene, triazolam, trichorfon, trichlormethiazide, trientine hydrochloride, trifluoperazine hydrochloride, triflupromazine, trihexyphenidyl hydrochloride trimeprazine tartrate, trimethadione, trimethobenzamide hydrochloride, trimethoprim) trioxsalen, tripelennamine, triprolidine, trisulfapyrimidine, tropicamide, trypsin ryptohan, tuberculin, tyloxapol, tyropanoate sodium, tyrosine, tyrothricin, thyrothricin bethamethasone, thiotic acid, sotalol, salbutamol, norfenefrine, silymarin, dihydroergotamine, buflomedil, etofibrate, indometacin, urea, valine, valprøic acid, vancomycin hydrochloride, vasopressin, verapramil, vidarabine, vinblastine, vincristine, vitamins, warfarin, yellow fever vaccine, zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, zinc chloride, zinc gluconate, beta acetyl digoxin, piroxicam, haloperidol, isosorbide 5-mononitrate, amitriptylin, diclofenac, verapamil, pyritinol,



nitrendipin, doxycycline, bromhexine, clonidine, fenofibrate, allopurinol, pirenyepine, levothyroxin, tamoxifen, metildigoxin, o-(beta-hydroxyethyl)-rutoside, propicillin, aciclovir mononitrate, paracetamol, naftidrofuryl, pentóxifylline, propafenone, acebutolol, L-thyroxin, tramadol, bromocriptine, loperamide, ketotifen, fenoterol, cadobelisate, propanolol, enalaprilhydrogen maleate, bezafebrate, gallopamil, xantinol nicotinate, digitoxin, flunitrazepam, bencyclane, dexapanthenol, pindolol, lorazepam, diltiazem, piracetam, phenoxymethylpenicillin, furosomide, bromazepam, flunarizin, erythromycin, metoclopramide, acemetacin, ranitiain, hiperiden, metamizole, doxepin, dipotassium chloroazepate, tetrazepam, estramustive phosphat, terbutaline, captopril, maprotiline, prazosin, atenolol, glibenclamide, effactor, etilfrine, cimetidine, hydromorphone, ibuprofen, primidone, clobazam, de ceptol, medroxyprogesterone, flecainid, pyridoxal 5 phosphate glutaminate, hymech/omone, etofylline clofibrate, vincamine, cinnarizine, diazepam, ketoprofen, flupenfixol, molsimine, glibornuride, dimetinden, melperone, soquinolol, dihydrocodeine,/clomethiazole, clemastine, glisoxepide, kallidinogenase, oxyfedrine, baclofen, carbóxymethylcysteine, thioridazine, betahistine, L-tryptophan, murtol, bromelaine, pren/ylamine, salazosulfapyridine, astemizol, sulpiride, benzerazide, dibenzepine, miconazole, nystatin, ketoconazole, sodium picosulfate, coltyramine, gemfibrocil, rifampicin, fluocortolone, mexiletin, terfenadrin, mucopolysaccharide polysulfade, triazolam, mianserin, tiaprofenic acid, amezinium metilsulfate, mefloquine,

probucol, quinidine, carbamazepine, L-aspartate, penbutolol, piretanide, aescin, cyproterone, sodium valproinate, meteverine, bisacodyl, 5-aminosalicylic acid, dihydralazine, phenprocoumon, amantadine, naproxen, carteolol, famotidine, methyldopa, auranofine, estriol, nadolol, levomepromazine, doxorubicin, medofenoxate, azathioprine, flutamide, norfloxacin, fendiline, and prajmalium bitartrate.

28. (Amended) A food composition comprising an encapsulated product obtained by the method of claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of ready-to-eat breakfast cereals, snacks, soups, salads, cakes, cookies, crackers, ice creams, yogurts, puddings, custards, baby foods, medicinal foods, sports bars, and beverages.

Please add new claims 68-95:

- 68. A method according to claim 41, wherein the substantially non-plasticizable matrix component comprises a member selected from the group consisting of an at least substantially non-gelatinized starch, fiber, cellulose and hemi-rellulose.
- 69. A method as claimed in claim 41 wherein the liquid plasticizer content of said formable dough is from about 10% by weight to about 50% by weight, based upon the weight of the formable dough.
 - 70. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the formable mixture is extruded

through a die having multiple apertures, at a rate of extrudate per die area of less than about 5 kg/h per mm².

- 71. A method as claimed in claim 70, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area is less than 3 kg/h per mm².
- 72. A method as claimed in claim 71, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area is less than about 0.5 kg/h per mm².
- 73. A method as claimed in claim 70, wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.3 mm to about 5 mm.
- 74. A method as claimed in claim 73, wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.5 mm to about 1 mm.
- 75. A method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the formable mixture is extruded through a die having multiple apertures to obtain an extrudate at a rate of extrudate per die area of less than about 5 kg/h per mm².

76. A method as claimed in claim 75, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area is less than 3 kg/h per mm².

- 77. A method as claimed in claim 76, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area is less than about 0.5 kg/h per mm².
- 78. A method as claimed in claim 75 wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.3 mm to about 5 mm.
- 79. A method as claimed in claim 78, wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.5 mm to about 1 mm.
- 80. A method as claimed in claim 41 wherein the formable mixture is extruded through a die having multiple apertures to obtain an extrudate at a rate of extrudate per die area of less than about 5 kg/h per mm².

81. A method as claimed in claim 81, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area is less than 3 kg/h per mm².

82. A method as claimed in claim 82, wherein the rate of extrudate per die area s less than about 0.5 kg/h per mm².

- 83. A method as claimed in claim 80, wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.3 mm to about 5 mm.
- 84. A method as claimed in claim 83, wherein the diameter of the apertures is from about 0.5 mm to about 1 mm.
- 85. A method for encapsulating of embedding a component in a matrix comprising:
- a. obtaining a formable mixture by admixing ingredients comprising at least one plasticizable matrix material, an encapsulant, a liquid plasticizer, and a substantially non-gelatinized starch, wherein said plasticizable matrix material is plasticizable by said liquid plasticizer at a temperature which does not substantially destroy said encapsulant, said admixing being under low shear and low temperature conditions to plasticize the plasticizable material without substantially destroying the encapsulant to obtain a substantially homogeneous plasticized, viscoelastic, formable mixture,

b. forming said formable mixture into pieces by extrading the formable mixture through a die having multiple apertures at a rate of extrudate per die area of less than about 5 kg/h per mm², and

- c. drying said pieces.
- 86. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said liquid encapsulant component comprises at least one enzyme.
- 87. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of said at least one plasticizable matrix material is at least about 30 % by weight based upon the weight of said dry pieces.
- 88. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said plasticizable matrix material which is admixed with said liquid encapsulant component is in solid form.
- 89. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said at least one plasticizable matrix material comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of high gluten content flours, gluten from wheat, durum wheat, and durum semolina.

90. A method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the amount of said at least one plasticizable matrix material is at least about 30 % by weight based upon the weight of said dry pieces.

- 91. A method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the amount of said at least one plasticizable matrix material is at least about 30 % by weight based upon the weight of said dry pieces.
- 92. A method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the substantially non-plasticizable matrix component comprises an at least substantially non-gelatinized starch.
- 93. A method as claimed in claim 41 wherein said at least one plasticizable matrix material comprises at least one material c
- 94. A method as claimed in claim 41 wherein said at least one component for controlling the rate of release of the encapsulant comprises a protein.
 - 95. A method as claimed in claim 41 wherein the pieces obtained by said drying

are hardened, solidified, discrete particles and may be ground.